



Office of Transition Initiatives

KENYA/EASTLEIGH

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Implemented through USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI), the Kenya Transition Initiative (KTI) expanded its key objectives to include a counter extremism component in and around the Nairobi suburb of Eastleigh. Eastleigh and its environs have a large population of Somali immigrants with youth forming a large percentage of the population. Disenfranchisement of youth in the face of systemic marginalization, limited access to higher education, inadequate employment, crime, and corruption has weakened their resilience and increased their susceptibility to extremist ideologies. Coupled with the highly radicalized environment, youth in Eastleigh and its environs remain exposed to extremist ideologies and vulnerable to recruitment by groups such as Al-Shabaab.

To counter this threat, the KTI-Eastleigh project (KTI-E) seeks to foster identity and self-confidence in at risk youth in Eastleigh (a suburb in Nairobi) and its environs, to enable them to reject extremism. To achieve this objective, KTI-E works with locally-based organizations and the Eastleigh community to respond to risk factors through a three pronged approach:

- Build capacity for moderation and non-violence
- Empower local youth
- Livelihood support for youth

GRANTS SUMMARY

Since the initiation of the KTI-E component in July 2011, KTI has funded **66** activities totaling **\$2,202,495**. A total of **9** activities worth **\$326,657** were cleared during this reporting period.

Ongoing activities

Women Promoting Tolerance: Eastleigh and its surrounding areas are often associated with criminal and extremist activity. Deplorable living conditions mean youth can feel hopeless and are susceptible to extremist and criminal ideologies as a means to escape their reality. Following the KTI-E year 1 review, (CHXEAS051), it was noted that parents, especially mothers, play a key role in molding values and deterring their family members from involvement in crime and extremist behavior. To capitalize on this, KTI partnered with [REDACTED], to empower women and female youth to engage actively and constructively in their communities to play a positive role in encouraging youth to avoid participation in criminal and extremist activity. KTI helped support tolerance forums in and around Eastleigh where women discussed issues pertaining to peaceful co-existence in the community and how they could best take a lead role in encouraging other women and members of society to pledge tolerance and to shun violence. To culminate the tolerance forums, KTI supported [REDACTED] to hold a one day tolerance procession attended by more than 400 individuals. In addition, KTI also supported a basketball tournament that not only saw 16 female youth teams brought together to compete in sports, but also to discuss a variety of topics ranging from self-confidence to responsibility and self-identity. With the tournament and tolerance forums, the role of the women as capable agents to promote tolerance was reaffirmed.

Leadership Development: Youth from Eastleigh and the surrounding informal settlements have limited avenues to discover and develop their leadership potential or think constructively. As a result, they often lack the necessary tools and skills to securing a better future. As a follow-on to the successful training of 27 individuals as trainers of trainers (TOTs), KTI helped provide support to the TOTs to develop work plans that included specific tasks and proposed schedule of activities for capacity building interventions. The trainers mobilized more than 40 participants to attend a three day workshop on leadership geared toward the development of personal goals. With the opportunity provided to the youth to engage with leaders in the community, the youth were motivated to become positive change agents within their community. A notable success of the implementation of this grants activities is a youth network dubbed [REDACTED] and will be funded by KTI-E to implement its own grant activity aimed at building its capacity.

Bank Fair –Investing in Youth: A labor survey carried out with the support of KTI identified language barrier, lack of identification cards and access to financing and financial information as major reasons as to why Eastleigh youth were not engaged in gainful employment. To create avenues for youth to seek services and mentorship from different stakeholders, KTI is supporting a two day bank fair which will include an exhibition by various institutions from the financial and services sector and other relevant stakeholders whose products or services are geared towards youth. This will provide linkages between the youth and the relevant financial/services sector and will boost their knowledge on available opportunities to develop their business ideas. Through the creation of these avenues it is hoped that the youth will shun away from joining illegal groups and focus on positive forms of livelihoods such as self-employment reducing extremist behavior.

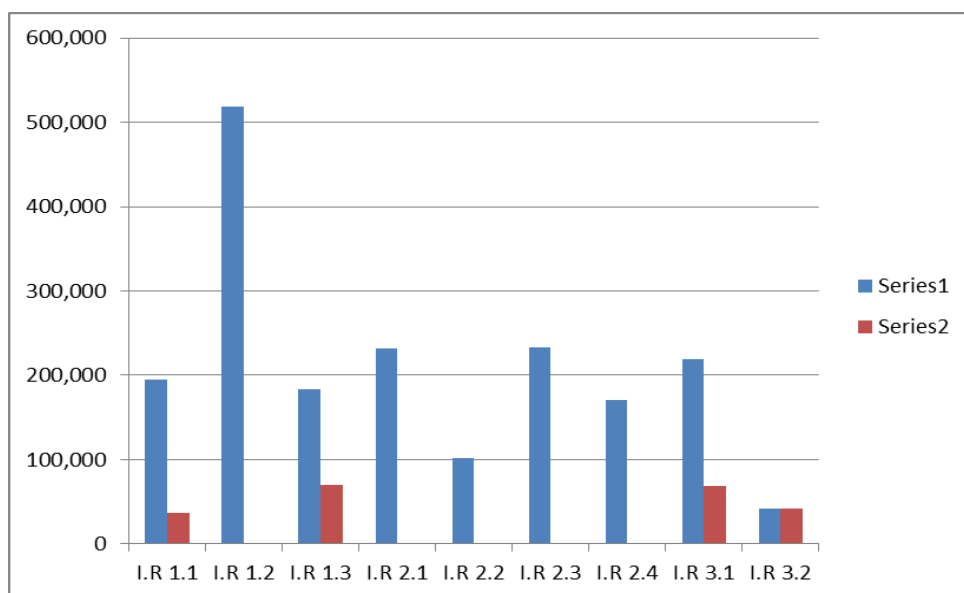
Pending activities

- **CHXEAS078-“District Office – Pumwani; enhancing youth engagement”:** District Officer -Pumwani. This grant will provide support to the District Officer in Pumwani, to help improve community meetings in the area and establish linkages with youth through organization forums.
- **CHXEAS079-“Initiative X2”:** [REDACTED] This activity builds on CHXEAS047 and will mobilize 200 bright spots and 60 YGDCs to engage the youth groups identified in the initial grant and will employ the use of IGSA and the SaSaa model. An online broadcast to showcase stories coming from the community will also be incorporated, and as part of its activities the grant will have a mural painted in Eastleigh.
- **CHXEAS081-“Fashion Show”:** [REDACTED]. This activity aims to engage women as agents of tolerance in the community by engaging them in a fashion show where they will be encouraged to celebrate each other’s culture and discuss sensitive topics.
- **CHXEAS083-“Seeking Talent in Music”:** [REDACTED]. This activity will build off the gains made in CHXEAS038. The group will identify and mentor at risk youth with talents with special focus given to those who engage in gangs.
- **CHXEAS084-“Support to [REDACTED]”:** [REDACTED]. This activity is aimed at building the capacity of the youth network established under CHXEAS037. This activity will support the network in carrying out elections for its new leaders, provide logistical support for the office and help to finalize the board committee structure.
- **CHXEAS085-“TBD”:** Grantee [REDACTED]. This activity will be linked to CHXEAS079, involving mentorship of the YDGC members to better understand and articulate the context of radicalism /extremism within the community.
- **CHXEAS086-“Support to [REDACTED]”:** [REDACTED]. This activity will involve painting and other rehabilitation activities based on what will be identified by the contractor, KTI, and the grantee
- **CHXEAS087-“Support to Existing Centers – [REDACTED]”:** [REDACTED]. This activity aims to hold 6 debate sessions which will include video screenings and conversations on radicalization and extremism.
- **CHXEAS088-“Support to Existing Centers”:** [REDACTED]. This grant will engage the unemployed and idle youth through training to empower them with technical skills.
- **CHXEAS090-“Evaluation of KTI-E and Coast CVE program”:** DDGS. This is a DDGS that will engage a team of consultants to gather relevant data on each of the three KTI-E project components form communities, local authorities and other development actors.

The bar graph below illustrates KTI-E expenditure on grants by Sub-Intermediate Result (I.R.) and themes by quarter and cumulatively.

EASTLEIGH ACTIVITIES BY THEME

Quarterly Report, January 1 – March 31, 2013



IR 1.1: Enhanced Advocacy Capacity and Sustained Positive Dialogue with GOK
IR 1.2: Improved Communication Channels for Youth to Discuss Sensitive Topics
IR 1.3: Improve Messaging and Outreach Capacity of Moderate Voices Including Women and Religious Leaders
IR 2.1: Increased Access to Community, Recreational and Cultural Activities
IR 2.2: Improved Leadership Capacity among Youth
IR 2.3: Improved Networking among Youth Organizations
IR 2.4: Improved Access to Counseling and Mentoring Services
IR 3.1: Improved Attitude for Meritocratic Work
IR 3.2: Improved Linkages to Training, Financial, and Other Support

PROGRAM EVALUATION

After a review of project documents and evaluations, literature on Countering Violent Extremism (CVE), and meetings and correspondence with OTI's Deputy Country Representative (DCR) and program field staff, The KTI-E Partner Performance Management Plan (PPMP) was revised. To ensure that the team fully understood their roles in implementing the PPMP and its framework, KTI received two-day training from an M&E consultant. The training resulted in a work plan to lead the roll-out of the PPMP. Beginning in the next quarter, KTI will report on the data collected against the indicators in the reviewed PPMP.

PERSONNEL

In this quarter, KT-E hired a new program development officer to fill the position vacated in late December.

NEXT STEPS

- May 2013 - Implementation of the outcomes of the PPMP
- May/June 2013 - KTI-E Rolling Assessment
- May/June 2013 - Annual survey to be conducted